Discontinuance of Home Delivery of LPG Cylinders

†1596. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for discontinuing the home delivery system of LPG cylinders through vendors by present Government which was initiated by the previous Government;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to prevent the practice of underweighing of gas cylinders and its blackmarketing in Bihar which has increased on a large scale under the present Government;

(c) the reasons for LPG being not easily available in Bihar; and

(d) whether Government propose to strengthen the LPG distribution system, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Home delivery of LPG cylinders to the genuine customers residing within the authorized area of operation of the distributor of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) has not been discontinued by them.

(b) Whenever the OMCs receive a complaint regarding supply of underweight cylinders, they investigate the same and in case the complaint is established, suitable action is taken against the concerned LPG distributor in accordance with the provisions under the LPG Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG). In addition to the action taken by the OMCs, the Weight and Measures Department of the State are also empowered to take legal action against the cases of supply of underweight cylinders.

(c) and (d) At present, there is no shortage of LPG in Bihar and LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the OMCs as per the genuine demand of customers registered with the LPG distributors. OMCs also propose to increase the LPG distributorships in Bihar.

Prices of Petroleum Products

1597. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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